

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
February 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Don Lawrenz, Vincent Valdes, Doug West, Karen Rhyne, Ralph Rodheim, Duncan McIntosh were present. Commissioner Duffield was absent.

Council Liaison: Nancy Gardner

Staff: Manager Chris Miller

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Rodheim, seconded Commissioner Valdes, to approve the January 2011 Minutes: Motion approved, all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: **Balboa Marina at 201 E. Coast Highway – Public Access Approval**

Issue: The Irvine Company is seeking approval to relocate the existing publically available slips at the eastern end of the Balboa Marina to a more central location at the Balboa Marina in response to access and noise complaints from the public and nearby residents.

Discussion: Council Liaison Gardner asked if there would be a charge for the guard to let boaters back in the marina. Manger Miller replied no there would not be a charge. She suggested that the restaurants might want to warn their patrons of the deadline, via a “last call” for the visiting boaters.

Commissioner Rodheim thanked The Irvine Company for their work. He also mentioned that the City and Irvine Company should also consider a public dock at the former Ruben E. Lee site therefore eliminating the need for visitor slips at the Balboa Marina.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Action: Commissioner McIntosh made the motion to approve the plan as submitted by The Irvine Company. Commissioner Rodheim seconded. Motion carried. All ayes.

ITEM #2

Subject: **Five Dives Expedition – Request for Moorage at the Dredge Scow Buoy Location**

Issue: Chris Welsh of the Five Dives Expedition is requesting special permission to moor his catamaran, Cheyenne, in the channel between Bayshores and Harbor Island where the existing dredge scow buoys are located, for 90 days.

Discussion: Commissioner Rodheim congratulated Chris Welsh on his goal. He also mentioned that this was good for the community, science, children and schools.

Commissioner Lawrenz suggested adding another condition that a Notice to Mariners be submitted to the Coast Guard.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Action: Commissioner Rodheim made the motion to approve the special request as submitted. Commissioner McIntosh seconded. Motion carried. All ayes.

ITEM #3

Subject: Harbor Patrol Update

Issue: The Harbor Patrol will update the Harbor Commission on various department activities and programs

Discussion: Harbor Patrol Captain Mark Long spoke about some issues with the Harbor Patrol including the recent Performance Audit, service improvements and continuing initiatives.

Commissioner Rodheim thanked Captain Long for his service and how he was able to solve many issues in the harbor. He contributed to making Newport Harbor more user friendly which is important because the Harbor Patrol is usually the first people visitors see in when arriving.

Commissioner Doug West also thanked Captain Long for his service.

Newly appointed Harbor Patrol Lieutenant and Harbormaster Tom Slayton introduced himself and said that he would keep the same management style as Captain Long.

Commissioner Rodheim said that the Harbor Patrol did a great job during the 2010 Boat Parade, and said that the community is very appreciative of the Harbor Patrol's support with this event.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Action: Receive and file.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Overhang Subcommittee: Commissioner Rodheim reported that the Council instructed the City to approve the marina at 2901 W. Coast Highway. He wants to look at the Project Lines and vessel overhang quickly. He mentioned there will be a stakeholder meeting on February 17 and the Mayor will attend and speak. The land and water side of development need to work hand in hand. The Mayor will share his vision of the harbor and of the Council priorities. Commissioner Rodheim was impressed with the "out of the box" thinking by the committee to make Newport a "World Class harbor."

Commissioner Valdes was appreciative of the outreach and he will report back to the Commission in March.

Code Enforcement Subcommittee: Commissioner West reported that he was unable to hold a meeting with City Manager Kiff but will keep trying.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilmember Gardner reported on the Goal Setting meeting the previous Saturday. The Council wants to take a global perspective and to stop tackling issues on a piecemeal basis. They need to get beyond the General Plan to the implementation phase. She is also looking for revisions to the Harbor Commission's Purpose and Responsibilities at the next meeting.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Chris gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1658>*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Commissioner Lawrenz asked about the status of the striping of the harbor's race markers. Chuck South responded that all the markers should be complete by the following week.

- Commissioner Rodheim suggested that the visitor serving slip at the Balboa Yacht Basin be implemented now instead of later to accommodate folks prior to the summer boating season.

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- City Attorney workshop on ethics and Brown Act
- Joint Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee and Harbor Commission meeting
- Move anchorage to the top part of the bay
- Lower Castaways Vision Plan
- Dinghy Dock at Lido Bridge
- Bilge/pumpout stations

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2011

ADJOURNMENT